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## Enemy Pulling Out Of Bremen And Hanover As British Tanks Run Riot In N.W. Germany

# THE FRONT CLOSING TRAP ON ANOTHER 100,000 HUNS

AS British tanks ran riot in North-Western Germany yesterday and thrust ever more closely to the great cities of Bremen and Hanover, indications reached Field-Marshal Montgomery's H.Q. that the enemy may abandon both these vital key towns and try to defend the central German plain on the line of the Elbe from Hamburg to Magdeburg.

According to Keuter's Correspondent, the German northern and central fronts are hopelessly cracked. And with infantry of the 1st U.S. Army now across the Weser north-east of Cassel—the third Allied army to span its last major water barrier before the Elbe—the bridgeheads east of the river are now merged into a 90-mile-long front.

Mosquitoes still straining over the enemy lines reported considerable movement of German transport moving out of Hanover and south-east from Bremen. Of 300 vehicles attacked, 46 were destroyed and 81 damaged.

In view of the way Monty's famous "Desert Rats" (the 7th Armoured Division) are smashing ahead—they were last reported 10 miles from Bremen; and of a new breakout from the Hameln bridgehead by U.S. 9th Army tanks to within 10 miles of Hanover, these indications are probably based on truth.

When they reach Bremen, the Reich's second greatest port—and in view of a fresh security blackout on the press are probably there by now—the trap around some 100,000 Germans still in Holland will be closed.

In their latest 35-mile dash north-eastward towards Bremen, the 7th Armoured Division met with virtually no resistance. Opposition along Monty's entire front is completely unco-ordinated and no longer serious from a long-term point of view.

Dempsey's tanks are smashing through village after village. The threat to the Elbe is in a hurry to get to the "master key" cries out, and the tidal force of our 2nd Army's metal rolls on ever more quickly.

Consistent observers at Dempsey's H.Q. believe that there will be no wholesale surrender but that the Germans will go on, becoming weaker and weaker.

### PRISONERS POURING IN

The way prisoners are pouring in—on Thursday the Allied press in the west was made up to 40,000—strengthens this belief. Patton like Monty, like all the Allied commanders in the West—is also in a hurry. He has built up a striking force of three tank divisions in the Erfurt-Jena area, and is rushing up supplies for the last lap.

Where the lap will end is conjectural, but it is most likely that Patton will effect the first Allied link up with the Russians in the area between Leipzig and Dresden.

The pace of the advance has stretched communications and kept operational headquarters so much on the jump that considerable time-lag has developed between reported positions and actual positions of advance. That means that virtually anywhere along the line Allied units may well be in positions of positions reported at Supreme H.Q.

The U.S. 1st Army is again driving on. Latest advances have brought its spearheads to points 12 miles east and 13 miles north of Cassel.

ONE OF GENERAL HODGES' STAFF OFFICERS DECLARED LAST NIGHT THAT THE GERMAN ARMY "IS NO LONGER CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING A COHESIVE FRONT. WE ARE ENTERING THE FINAL MOPPING-UP STAGE."

### 'Desert Rats' Storming On

From MARSHALL YARROW  
Supreme H.Q., Saturday

THIS promises to be one of the biggest victory weeks since the entry before the enemy into Berlin. In prisoners alone the German Army has handed up last week lost the equivalent of three divisions a day.

The German line is crumbling in the North-Western Germany, where the "Desert Rats" are pushing the great, porting, armoured forces of the 7th Armoured Division into the cities of Hanover and Bremen, some 20 miles from the mouth of the Zuider Zee.

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## New Disaster Looms SWIFT CRACK IN THE CENTRE

From DENIS MARTIN  
Montgomery's H.Q.,  
Saturday Night.

BRITISH guns are tonight sounding the death-knell of the great German cities of Bremen and Hanover.

The German front in the north and centre is wide open, and tank spearheads of both divisions are pushing north and east against resistance varying from moderate to practically nil.

The central German defences are crumbling as fast as did those on the Rhine, and there now seems to be little hope for the German city ten miles from the Elbe.

Hanover itself, key communications city serving the whole of the Reich, is virtually "in the bag."

Further to the south, five armoured columns of Gen. Simpson's spearheads are by-passing the city ten miles from the outermost suburbs.

The tactical situation tonight gives every promise of a vast enveloping movement, that will bring the British and Americans deep into the central German plain, with every possibility of the capture of the two Russian forces.

Completely unco-ordinated, fighting well in pairs, but in a position that dooms them to catastrophe, the German army in the North German Plain are now threatened with a huge armoured division reaching Bremen's rear, that should be achieved soon.

A great pocket is developing in the north, and would now appear that the German Command, with the exception of a real position in many sectors, has ordered a partial withdrawal of the bulk of his forces from the Dutch-German frontier.

But the withdrawal has not been too late. Thousands upon thousands of Germans in the Northern Plain are liable to face a Dunkirk on the North Sea coast—Reuter.

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### Third Army's Haul

## VAST TREASURE IN SALT MINE

By EDWARD BALL  
Third Army H.Q., Saturday.

GERMANY'S gold reserve, totalling an estimated 100 tons of bullion, plus vast amounts of currency and other valuables, have been found in a salt mine by the Third Army.

Apart from the gold, the booty included 3,000,000,000 marks, 2,000,000 dollars in American currency, 100,000,000 French francs, \$110,000 sterling, 4,000,000 Norwegian kroner, and lesser amounts in Turkish pounds, Spanish pesetas and Portuguese escudos.

The mine is located near Gochers, 25 miles south-west of Godesburg, where the Germans began assembling in the mine from their national art galleries last February, included documents by Bachstel, Rembrandt, Van Dyck and Durer.

There were also 120 cases of Goethe's original manuscripts. The infantry division which captured the treasure also seized three Reichsbank offices, including a Doktor Vieck, one of the bank's officers, and a Doktor Pörke, a curator of the German State Museum, and the assistant director of the National Art Gallery in Berlin.

The bank official said the Germans started frantically to move the fabulous treasure from the salt mine a few days before the arrival of the Americans, but were thwarted by blown-up bridges and had to return it again to its 2,100-ft. hiding-place.

Doktor Fritz Vieck said the Germans began removing the gold and currency from Berlin on February 11, the transfer taking five weeks.

He said the bullion represented "all the gold in Germany"—A.P.

### Hard-Boiled 'Eggs' Of Hamm

By ROBERT LUNSON, Associated Press War Correspondent  
Hamm, Germany, Sat.

THE green-uniformed "bully force" of the German town stood to attention in front of the railway station when American troops of General Middleton's Ninth Army took over.

And while they stood there, Doctor Fritz Vieck said the Germans marched gleefully past on their long trek home.

## JAPAN'S mightiest battleship, the 45,000 tons Yamato, was sunk today in a naval battle which was fought only 50 miles from the Jap mainland between a Japanese fleet and the U.S. Third Fleet.

For the enemy warships, daring at last to put to sea, the engagement was a disaster. In addition to the Yamato, they lost five warships, including a light cruiser, a smaller cruiser and a destroyer.

Three other destroyers were lost burning, and of the total Jap force only three destroyers escaped.

The enemy's aircraft also recovered a shattering defeat, 301 of them being shot down.

American losses, stated a communiqué from Admiral Chester Nimitz's headquarters, were three destroyers and seven planes.

For weeks before the American landing on Okinawa, south-west of Japan, the U.S. Third Fleet had been hoping for the Jap fleet to come out in answer to their challenge.

The result is told in this official story of the battle by Admiral Nimitz:

"On Friday and today the enemy attempted strong counterattacks against our forces operating in the vicinity of Okinawa. One hundred and six of these enemy aircraft were destroyed—55 by our fighters and the remainder by our anti-aircraft fire."

"The attacking enemy aircraft pressed their attacks in with desperation and succeeded in sinking three of our destroyers and damaging several destroyers and smaller craft. No large fleet units were hit."

"Early today Navy search aircraft of Fleet Air Wing 1 sighted an enemy surface force which had been in the inland sea south of Kyushu, had headed into the East China Sea."

"The force included the large battleship Yamato, most powerful ship left in the Japanese Navy, an Asago class light cruiser, one other small light cruiser or large destroyer, and a number of destroyers."

"A last carrier task force, commanded by Vice-Admiral Marc Mitscher, steamed toward the enemy at high speed, and in the middle of the day brought the Japanese force under air attack."

"Our carrier aircraft, which had destroyed 245 enemy aircraft on Friday, met no air opposition over the Japanese ships, but did meet heavy anti-aircraft fire."

"At a point about 50 miles south-west of Kyushu, Japanese fighters were reported to have shot down the light Asago class cruiser and three destroyers."

"Three other destroyers were lost burning. About three destroyers escaped from this attack."

"The Yamato was hit by at least three torpedoes and eight other bombs, which were reported to have caused serious damage."

"Our carriers lost seven aircraft in this action. During the attack today, the Yamato's aircraft shot down 30 enemy fighters and one bomber."

"Little is known about the Yamato or a sister ship of her class, though they were reported to be of at least 45,000 tons."

"The Yamato was last disclosed in the second battle of the Philippines, when American aircraft were reported to have sunk or badly damaged one of two such capital ships in the Pacific."

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## EMPEROR SENDS FLEET OUT AT LAST! LOSES 6 WARSHIPS IN BATTLE AND 391 PLANES

# Biggest Japanese Battleship Sunk

Guam, Saturday.  
The Second United States Fleet, commanded by Admiral Chester Nimitz, today reported the sinking of the Japanese battleship Yamato, the largest battleship in the world, and the destruction of six other warships and 391 planes.

### Nazi Escape Route Cut

## HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FIGHT IN VIENNA

MARSHAL TOLBUKHIN's troops were fighting yesterday in the southern part of Vienna, said last night's Soviet communiqué. They captured Moedling, Pressbaum and Klosterneuburg.

North-east and north of Bratislava, troops of the Second United States Front occupied Novo Mesto and 50 inhabited localities.











**GO CAREFULLY WITH  
THOSE TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

**By LARRY LINA**

**A**s an old reporter with a healthy respect for the unknown, I hesitate to make any outright prophecy about the two-year-olds I saw at Ascot on Easter Monday. But at the back of my mind I have reservations about the "crackerjack among 'em."

Clincher certainly caught the horse's attention, and if she did have a comparatively easy task, I happen to know that the runner-up, Bonbonnier, was quietly fancied despite the long odds that went begging. The path of Romans in the seventh race was as smooth as the betting laid out, but, hence, from the Duke of Norfolk's Arundel stable, may prove the master should this pair meet.

**And Double Rose, too? Well,**

**Double Rose, too?** ♦

is reported to have been tried better than Billy Carol, who won the fourth of the Miami.

So something may have happened in training to upset the stable hands' favorite, but it is not known in that case the Kosom youngster developed any special talent.

Two-year-olds that come to hand early invariably find out before the age of three that they are going to war and altered training conditions haven't made much difference for them. But the following are the methods in trying their young ones.

It would be a useful purpose to bury a backward youngster who is not a good runner.

**LARRY'S SELECTIONS**

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yearlings make their bow when the summer sun is on their backs.

Because Newmarket trials get more publicity than those that take place at other training-quarters, news about several promising two-

DUKE, 3.30. GIRAUD, 3.4. SHENNINGTON.

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Though entries for this week meeting at headquarters are smaller than those at southern a-

Goodgold has two engagements this year-olds at Headquarters has already gone the rounds. A much-discussed youngster is Goodgold, owned by Mr. Martin Benson and trained by Mr. George Lambton.

Then there is Lampete C., who cleaned up five two-year-olds and an older animal when galloped on the heath by H. Leader. Lampete C. may be the best tip in the country.

Bob Colling usually gets among the early winners at Newmarket. He has a youngster—Ling F.—who won a nice trial over five

Gold Chest (G. Colling's stable). Kozuka F. (H. Leader). Expectancy (G. Lambton). Rapide (J. Jarvis).

Downrush (Walter Earl), Pine Lad (H. Jellies), and Tophana (Frank Butters) are other two-year-olds reported to be ready for early engagements.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

**Football League Cup (South)—Final**  
**CHELSEA** .....(0) 2 **MILLWALL** .....(0) 0  
 McDonald Wondle

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP (NORTH)		FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NORTH)	
Barnsley .....	2	Cherterfield.....	2
Smith, Cooling		Davis, Linacre	
Birmingham .....	0	Wolves .....	0

Aberaman .....	5	Swansea.....	0
Woodward (4)		Jones	
Griffiths (2)			

<b>Blackpool</b> .....(1) 1	<b>Colton</b> .....(1) 4	<b>Bradford</b> .....(2) 3	<b>Middlesbrough</b> .....(1) 1
<b>Barnsley</b> .....(1) 1	<b>Loughouse</b> (4)	<b>Walker, Shackleton,</b> <b>French (own goal)</b>	<b>Stibbards</b>
<b>Bristol City</b> .....(1) 1	<b>Cardiff</b> .....(2) 2	<b>Barnley</b> .....(1) 1	<b>Accrington</b> .....(1) 1
<b>Morgan</b>	<b>Carless, Lester</b>	<b>Martindale</b>	<b>Widnes</b>
<b>Doncaster</b> .....(1) 1	<b>Derby</b> .....(1) 2	<b>Duncan, Lyman</b>	<b>Wigan</b>
<b>Manastrella</b>			

Liverpool.....(1) 3	Manchester C.....(1) 0	Doncaster.....(2) *	Blackburn.....(1) 0
Litton, Welsh (2)			Buryant (3)
Manchester U.....(2) 6	Stoke.....(1) 1	Darlington.....(2) 2	Gateshead.....(1) 0
Bryant, Wrigglesworth (2), Smith, Rowley (2)	Chiltern (own gl.)	Ingils, Clarke	Cairns (2), Howden, Hayes
		Grimaby.....(2) 3	Leeds.....(1) 0
		Rod (2)	

Newcastle ..... 2  
Shebbins (2), Way-  
man (2), Scott, Carr

Bradford City ..... 2  
Shepherd (2)

Hullfax ..... 1  
Worthington (2),  
Barkas

Sheffield W..... 1

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE (SOUTH)**

Airdrie ..... 0  
0

Third Lanark ..... 1

Hartlepool ..... 1  
Lyons

Huddersfield ..... 1  
Price (W.) (3),  
Glazzard

Celtic .....	(2) 3	Partick .....	(0) 0	Leicester .....	(1) 2	Aston Villa .....	(0) 1
McAuley .....				Tuppence, Leitch .....			
McLaughlin (2) .....				Lincoln .....	(0) 4	Hull .....	(0) 1
Hearts .....	(1) 2	Queen's Park (1) .....	(1) 1	Marlow (2), Hames, Knox (2) .....			
Walker, McCrea .....		Althamhead .....		Roanington .....			
				Nett'm F. ....	(0) 1	Coventry .....	(1) 1

Morton .....	(1)	2	Dumbarton .....	(1)	1	Simpson .....	(1)	1
Henderson, McInnes			Reid .....			Port Vale .....	(1)	1
Motherwell .....	(1)	5	Falkirk .....	(1)	2	Pointon .....		
Watson (2), Gibson,			Henderson, Laing					
Ross, Mathie								
Rangers .....	(1)	3	Clyde .....		0	Freston .....	(1)	4
						McIntosh, Dunn (2)		2
						Crawe .....	(1)	1
						Boothby .....		

<b>HOW THEY STAND</b>	<b>WHATONS</b>
<b>HOME      AWAY</b>	
Goals Goals	
W D L F A W D L F A Pts	
Rangers 29..10 2 3 39 10..13 1 1 49 17 49	<b>Kochdale .....(6) 0</b> Stockport .....(2) Gee, Owens, Casterick <b>Sheffield U.....(2) 6</b> Thompson (2), Richard <b>Rotherham ....(1)</b> Ardron

Malac	20..11	2	2 41	30..	9	0	6 29	20..62	Nightingale	.....	.....	.....
M'will	29..12	0	3 52	39..	6	4	3 30	23..60				
Clyde	29..10	0	5 49	24..	8	0	6 28	32..60	Southport .....	①	Chester .....	②
Hibb	29..	9	1 50	60 72..	6	6	4 28	24..25	Oskos .....	.....	Black, Buren .....	③
Hearts	29..11	3	1 37	31..	3	4	7 26	38..35	Wanderland .....	④	.....	.....
Morton	29..10	1	4 25	35..	3	4	9 29	35..21	Tramers .....	⑤	Ydkam .....	⑥
Go. Re	30..10	4	1 35	21..	1	9	29	35..21	Alind .....	⑦	Oldham .....	⑧

Walker	26	9	1	3	43	18	3	2	10	22	42	23	Glidden (3).	
Hilton	27	8	3	2	48	27	2	2	11	18	53	24	Rosenthal (2)	
Th. L.	29	5	0	9	25	32	6	2	7	29	22	22	W. Bromwich.....(3) 1	Walsall.....(3) 1
Partick	28	7	0	7	28	30	3	1	10	50	42	21	Clarke	Beach
St. Mir.	28	8	4	4	24	19	1	2	11	16	48	20	Wrexham.....(3) 1	Everton.....(3) 1
D'Arton	27	5	1	7	25	37	3	1	10	20	40	18	Baines	Wynn (2)

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		20		21		22		23		24		25		26		27		28		29	
Abilene	29..	5	2	8	23	11..	2	9	13	19	63	26									
Airdrie	29..	2	6	7	32	28..	2	0	12	20	43	14									

  

		LEADING TEAMS											
		HOME						AWAY					
		Goals						Goals					
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Derby	18..	4	1	2	1	7	5	2	2	5	1	3	20

	HOME						AWAY					
	Goals						Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Totl'm 28	6	3	1	3	1	11	3	0	3	1	11	4
W Ham 28	6	0	1	3	1	11	3	0	4	0	26	36
Brent'd 28	6	0	0	4	4	28	7	4	1	3	12	37

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Don'ton 26...	0	6	7	22	33...	2	1	11	26	43
Millers 26...	0	6	7	17	31...	2	3	9	33	48

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP (WEST)**

Plymouth .....	(0)	1	Bath .....	(0)	1
Walsingham .....	(0)	1	Urquhart .....	(3)	3

Wagley League.—Barrow 7, Hunnisset 2;	Bury 16, 7 0 1 23 12, 0 3 5 10 17 23
Bradford N. 22, St. Helens 0; Castleford 5,	Brad C 17, 6 0 1 23 11, 1 3 3 16 32 17
Huddersfield 3; Dewsbury 3, Hull 3; Leeds 3,	R'ham 16, 5 1 2 15 10, 2 2 4 11 22 17
York 18; Oldham 3, Halifax 9; Wakefield T.	Sheff U 16, 4 2 3 27 17, 3 0 4 16 16 16
15, Batley 0.	Stim. 17, 3 4 2 15 9, 3 0 3 9 17 16
	H'field 18, 4 3 2 14 9, 3 0 3 9 17 15

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	Notf F	12..	2	4	1	12	8..	2	1	2	4	6	13
HIGHEST SCORE:	Sund'd	16..	4	3	2	21	18..	1	0	6	11	17	13
	N'pton	12..	4	1	1	16	7	1	2	3	5	17	13
Aberaman .....	Cv'try	16..	3	0	4	11	10..	1	4	4	15	29	12
HIGHEST AGGREGATE:	Stock't	15..	4	0	3	17	15..	2	0	12	27	12	12
	Swan's	16..	3	0	3	19	17..	1	0	7	18	15	13

<b>Aberaman 8, Swansea 1</b>	Port V. 17.	3	2	4	17	20.	2	0	6	7	27	12
	Trans're	16.	3	0	5	18	17.	2	1	5	14	23
	York	15.	4	1	1	19	10.	2	7	1	26	27
	Walsall	16.	2	2	3	10.	2	3	6	12	19	11
	Man's'd	11.	4	1	1	13	22.	3	4	4	7	20
	Chas't'r	16.	3	4	22	22.	2	0	6	10	19	9

Richmond and Kingston Hill & Blackheath	Rain	14.	3	0	15	23.	2	0	16	20	1
1; Tulse Hill 1, Polytechnic 4; Weymann 2;	Sherf W	17.	2	3	0	18	20.	1	2	6	12
Richmond and K.H. "B" 2; Woolwich	Oldhm	16.	2	1	5	16	17.	2	6	15	37
Poly. 3, C.I.A. 2.	Hull	15.	4	1	5	18	19.	0	6	7	6

**INTERNATIONAL**  
Scotland v. England  
(A Hampden Park)  
LEAGUE (South)

<p><b>BRIGHTON</b> v. Watford  <b>CHARLTON</b> v. ARSENAL  <b>COVENTRY</b> v. Q. PALACE  <b>LUTON</b> v. CHELSEA  <b>QUEEN'S P.R.</b> v. Aldershot  <b>READING</b> v. Portsmouth</p>	<p><b>LEAGUE (North)</b>  <b>ACRINGTON</b> v. BURNLEY  <b>ASTON VILLA</b> v. Leicester  <b>BATH</b> v. LOVELL'S  <b>BLACKBURN</b> v. Bury</p>	<p><b>MIDLAND CUP</b>  <b>COVENTRY</b> v. Notts For.  <b>NOTTS CO.</b> v. PORT VALE  <b>SCOTS (N.E.)</b></p>
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Southernham v. Brefford	CHESTER v. Southport	ABERDEEN v. Rangers
TOTTENHAM v. Millwall	CREWE v. Preston	DUNDEE U. v. Falkirk
WEST HAM v. Fulham	EVERTON v. Wrexham	Dundee Marine v. Dundee
<b>NORTH CUP</b>		
BOLTON v. Blackpool	GATESHEAD v. Darlington	HARROGATE v. Scarborough
BRAD. CITY v. Newcastle	GRIMSBY v. Lincoln	RALPH v. EAST FIFE
	HUDFIELD v. Hartlepool	
	MIDDLESB'Y v. Bradford	
<b>LEAGUE WEST CUP</b>		

CARDIFF v. Bristol City      OLDHAM v. Tranmere      SWANSEA v. Plymouth

